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Indiana Participates in National College Application Week, Sept. 21-25

High school seniors can apply to some Hoosier colleges for free

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Sixteen Indiana colleges will waive college application fees during Indiana's College Application Week, September 21-25, according to the <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u>. Another 24 colleges have reported free applications year-round.

College Application Week is part of Indiana's annual College GO! initiative that takes place each August through November with information and resources designed to help Hoosiers plan for education beyond high school. The official "College GO!" kick-off is the last full week of September (September 21-25, 2020).

Over 20 Indiana colleges and 85 K-12 schools across the state will host College GO! and College Application Week <u>events</u> to help students navigate the admissions process, including new virtual opportunities for college visits and college exploration activities.

"We are pleased with the number of Hoosier colleges and K-12 schools that are participating in College Application Week to help high schoolers with the college application and admissions process," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "We hope that students will take advantage of the opportunity to not only apply to several of Indiana's quality colleges for free, but also learn more about which colleges are the right fit."

Indiana high school seniors can apply to the following Hoosier colleges for free between September 21 and 25:

Participating in College Application Week (waiving fee)	Reported free applications year-round
Huntington University	Anderson University
Indiana State University	Bethel University
Indiana University East	Butler University
Indiana University Fort Wayne	DePauw University
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)	Earlham College
Indiana University Kokomo	Franklin College
Indiana University Northwest	Grace College
Indiana University South Bend	Goshen College
Indiana University Southeast	Hanover College
Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC)	Holy Cross College
Martin University	Indiana Tech
Purdue University Fort Wayne	Indiana Wesleyan University
Purdue University Northwest	Ivy Tech Community College
University of Southern Indiana	Manchester University

Vincennes University	Marian University
Wabash College	Oakland City University
	Saint Mary's College
	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
	Taylor University
	Trine University
	University of Evansville
	University of Indianapolis
	University of Saint Francis
	Valparaiso University

Colleges not indicated above may offer financial assistance for students who demonstrate financial need. Talk to your college for more information about application fee waivers.

You can view the list of participating colleges online.

College Application Week is sponsored in partnership by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the <u>American College Application Campaign</u> (ACAC) to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students who pursue education beyond high school.

Upcoming College GO! Events

How to: College Search & Virtual Tour

Tonight, Wednesday, September 16, 2020

6-7 p.m. (ET)

Online: **Live** on Learn More Indiana's Facebook page (<u>Facebook.com/LearnMoreIN</u>); available on Instagram (@LearnMoreIndiana) and Twitter (@LearnMoreIN). #collegeGO

Students and families who are beginning the college search process can get tips and tricks about how to find the right college, including how to take a virtual tour.

#WhyApply Day

Friday, September 18, 2020

Join us in telling students and peers why it's important to apply to college, whether it's a certificate program, two-year degree or four-year degree, by sharing a reason for applying to college with a selfie and this <u>printout</u>. #WhyApply Day celebrates the college application season by sharing supportive and motivating messages on social media about the importance of applying to college – a critical and necessary step on the journey to postsecondary education.

College Application FAQ

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Students and families who are getting ready to apply to college can learn about the college application process including what kind of information is needed, how to make your application stand out and other tips and frequently asked questions.

For more information, visit https://learnmoreindiana.org/collegego.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers

Indiana's financial aid programs, including the <u>21st Century Scholars</u> early college promise scholarship, which celebrates 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* strategic plan at <u>www.in.gov/che</u>.

About the American College Application Campaign

The American College Application Campaign® (ACAC) is a national initiative designed to increase the number of first-generation college students and students from low-income families who pursue a postsecondary degree. The purpose is to assist high school seniors as they navigate the college application and admissions process and ensure each participating student submits at least one admissions application.